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IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for the analgesic treatment of a livestock animal comprising administering to said animal a pharmaceutically effective amount of a palatable [caffeine-free] aqueous solution said solution [comprising] consisting essentially of ketoprofen, water, a flavoring agent, and an edible weak base; wherein said solution is [not encapsulated] administered to said animal in a non-encapsulated form.

Claim 2 (previously amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the base is selected from the group consisting of sodium bicarbonate, sodium chloride, potassium chloride, sodium sulfate, and potassium sulfate.

Claim 3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (currently amended) The method of claim [3] 1 wherein the flavoring agent is selected from the group consisting of cyclohexyl- sulfamic acid, saccharin (o-benzosulfimide), Aspartame (i.e., L-Aspartyl-L-phenylalanine methyl ester), and sugar.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A method for the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis in an animal comprising administering to said animal a pharmaceutically effective amount of a palatable [caffeine-free] aqueous solution said solution [comprising] consisting essentially of ketoprofen, water, a flavoring agent, and an edible weak base; wherein said solution is [not encapsulated] administered to said animal in a non-encapsulated form.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A method for the treatment of osteoarthritis in an animal comprising administering to said animal a pharmaceutically effective amount of a palatable [caffeine-free] aqueous solution said solution [comprising] consisting essentially of ketoprofen, water, a flavoring agent, and an edible weak base; wherein said solution is [not encapsulated] administered to said animal in a non-encapsulated form.

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Claim 7 (currently amended): A method for the treatment of ankylosing spondylitis in an animal comprising administering to said animal a pharmaceutically effective amount of a palatable [caffeine-free] aqueous solution said solution [comprising] consisting essentially of ketoprofen, water, a flavoring agent, and an edible weak base; wherein said solution is [not encapsulated] administered to said animal in a non-encapsulated form.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A method for the treatment of acute gouty arthritis in an animal comprising administering to said animal a pharmaceutically effective amount of a palatable [caffeine-free] aqueous solution said solution [comprising] consisting essentially of ketoprofen, water, a flavoring agent, and an edible weak base; wherein said solution is [not encapsulated] administered to said animal in a non-encapsulated form.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A method for the treatment of acute tendinitis in an animal comprising administering to said animal a pharmaceutically effective amount of a palatable [caffeine-free] aqueous solution said solution [comprising] consisting essentially of ketoprofen, water, a flavoring agent, and an edible weak base; wherein said solution is [not encapsulated] administered to said animal in a non-encapsulated form.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A method for the treatment of bursitis in an animal comprising administering to said animal a pharmaceutically effective amount of a palatable [caffeine-free] aqueous solution said solution [comprising] consisting essentially of ketoprofen, water, a flavoring agent, and an edible weak base; wherein said solution is [not encapsulated] administered to said animal in a non-encapsulated form.

Claim 11 (currently amended): A method for the treatment of primary dysmenorrhea in an animal comprising administering to said animal a pharmaceutically effective amount of a palatable [caffeine-free] aqueous solution said solution [comprising] consisting essentially of ketoprofen, water, a flavoring agent, and an edible weak base; wherein said solution is [not encapsulated] administered to said animal in a non-encapsulated form.

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Claim 12 (previously canceled)

Claim 13 (canceled)

Claim 14 (canceled)

Claim 15 (canceled)

Claim 16 (canceled)

Claim 17 (canceled)

Claim 18 (canceled)

Claim 19 (previously canceled)

Claim 20 (previously canceled)

Claim 21 (new): The method of claim 1, wherein the weight ratio of weak base to ketoprofen is about 10:1.

Claim 22 (new): A method for the analgesic treatment of a livestock animal comprising administering to said animal a pharmaceutically effective amount of a palatable aqueous solution said solution consisting essentially of ketoprofen, water, and an edible weak base; wherein said solution is administered to said animal in a non-encapsulated form.

Claim 23 (new): The method of claim 22, wherein the weight ratio of weak base to ketoprofen is about 10:1.

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